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No. 14,083.

Intimations.

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Hongkong, May 1, 1908.

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HORS D'OEUVRES:
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S O U P :

Turkey.

F I S H :

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E N T R E E S :

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Stewed Chickens with Asparagus.

Grilled Lamb Chop and Mint Sauce.

C U R R Y :

Shrimp.

J O I N T S :

Roast Sirloin of Beef and Horseradish.

Roast Suckling Pig and Apple Sauce.

C O L D M E A T S :

Turk Ham, Meat Sausage.

S A L A D :

Herring.

V E G E T A B L E S :

Boiled Potatoes, Baked Potatoes.

Cauliflower, Green Peas.

E N T R E M E T S :

Ginger Pudding and Brandy Sauce.

Compote of Pears and Cream.

Vanilla Ice Cream and Waifors.

D E S S E R T :

Cheese and Crackers, Fruit, Tea, Coffee.

Hongkong, April 1, 1908.

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HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE FIRST MEETING of the Season

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Hongkong, February 17, 1908.

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N O T I C E .

T HE Interest and Responsibility of Mr

ALEXANDER GEORGE WOOD in our Firm in Hongkong and China ceased on 1st March, 1908.

MR JOHN WHYTE COOPER BON-

NAR was admitted a PARTNER in our

Firm in Hongkong and China on this date.

MR CHARLES GORDON STHAWART

MACKIE is authorized to sign our Firm

for Prosecution in Hongkong and China

from this date.

GIBE, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Hongkong, April 1, 1908.

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N O T I C E .

T HE Interest and Responsibility of Mr

JAMES ORANGE in our Firm

ceased this day.

LEIGH & ORANGE

Hongkong, March 31, 1908.

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N O T I C E .

MR ALBERT EDWIN GRIFFIN

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T. MATSUKI, Manager,
Hongkong,
No. 2, PEDDER STREET.
Hongkong, April 25, 1908. 818

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY
YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, No. 2
Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURS-
DAY, the 23rd April, 1908, at Noon
for the purpose of receiving the Report of
the Directors together with the State-
ment of Accounts to 31st December, 1907,
and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the So-
ciety will be CLOSED from 13th April,
to the 23rd April, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 25, 1908. 481

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE
CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the
above Company will be held at the HEAD
OFFICE, No. 2, Queen's Buildings, Hong-
kong, on THURSDAY, the 23rd April,
1908, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors,
together with Statement of Accounts to
31st December, 1907, and of declaring
Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 9th to
23rd April, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
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Hongkong, March 27, 1908. 480

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Hongkong, August 7, 1907. 1280

SHUT DOOR IN MANCHURIA.

Surprise for London Firm of
Contractors.

Recent reports of Japanese activity in
Manchuria would point to the fact that not
only is Japan bent on dominating China
politically, but is also determined to exploit
Manchuria commercially to the exclusion of
all rivals. And this is in defiance of the
most definite international undertakings.

To understand the position clearly it is
necessary to refer to three treaties, all
ratified in 1905. At the termination of the
war Japan and Russia reciprocally
engaged, in the terms of peace not to
obstruct any general measures common to
all countries which China might take for
the development of the commerce and
industry of Manchuria. It was generally
accepted as a pledge that China should
have a free hand in the building of railways
in that vast and fertile territory.

The preamble of the Anglo-Japanese
Treaty laid down the preservation of the
common interests of all the Powers in
China by insuring the independence and
integrity of the Chinese Empire and the
principle of equal opportunities for the
commerce and industry of all nations in
China; while by the treaty between China
and Japan signed in December of the same
year the contracting parties agreed to
make arrangements as soon as possible for
connecting the service of railways in South
Manchuria and those in China proper "in
order to promote and facilitate the com-
munications and the transport of goods."

So far all is plain sailing. The Chinese
Government was to be allowed to enter into
whatever commercial contracts for the
development of the country seemed good
to her, while the business agents of the
various nations having interests in China
were to be treated on an equal footing.

SECRET UNDERSTANDING.

It is common knowledge that in April
1900 a secret understanding was arrived at
between China and Japan by which the
Chinese engaged not to construct prior to
the recovery by them of the South Man-
churian Railway, fifteen years hence, any
main line that would enter into competition
with the South Manchurian Railway, or
any branch line that would divert traffic
from it.

The real object of the secret agreement
has recently been made plain. The object
is not to prevent the building of a railway
that may possibly compete with the South
Manchurian Line, but to ensure that no
railways of any kind shall be constructed
in Manchuria without her special sanction
and approval. This power of veto has
already been put into force.

The Chinese Imperial Railway from
Peking north-east to Manchuria now ends
at Hsinmin-tun. This is only thirty-five
miles from Mukden, which is due east.
Mukden is about the centre of the Japanese
South Manchurian Line, and it is highly
important that it should be linked up with
the Peking line.

In pursuance of its open treaty obligations
with Japan "to promote and facilitate the
communications and transport of goods"
and "for connecting the services of
railways in South Manchuria and those
of China proper," the Chinese Government
is now constructing this line. In its con-
struction the River Liao, a deep, danger-
ous, and unfriendly river, will have to be
bridged. That will, of course, present no
difficulty to the engineers; the fact is
only mentioned because this river has
always formed a natural traffic barrier
between the Hsinmin-tun district and the
Mukden district of Manchuria.

Stretching due north for fifty miles from
Hsinmin-tun, the present terminus of the
Peking Railway, is a fertile plain, thickly
populated and highly cultivated, and end-
ing at the town of Fukumon, on the south
bank of the Liao River, which turns west-
ward not far above the point at which the
new line between Hsinmin-tun and Muk-
den will cross it, and forms an irregular
semi-circle.

The advantages of a branch line connecting
Fukumon with the main railway are so
obvious that it has long been contemplated.
British bondholders lent the Chinese
money to construct the original line from
Peking, and were willing to lend further
sums to extend the railway to Fukumon.

The Chinese Government were anxious
to build it, but instead of giving a conces-
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Hongkong, September 24, 1907. 1327

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O. K. S.,
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Hongkong, March 31, 1908. 608

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Hongkong, March 31, 1908. 504

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Hongkong, March 23, 1908. 461

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Hongkong, May 18, 1908. 1024

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J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager, Hongkong, January 12, 1907. 1517

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Hongkong, March 25, 1908. 21

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JOHN ARMSTRONG, Manager.

Hongkong, January 7, 1908. 64

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EVAN ORMISTON, Manager.

Hongkong, May 1, 1907. 42

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TAKEO TAKAMICHI, Manager.

Hongkong, March 8, 1908. 5

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Hongkong, November 18, 1907. 4t

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For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 12, 1907. 1517

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MARRIAGES.

MAY-HUNTER.—On April 2nd, at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, by Rev. F. T. Johnson, M.A., Charles W. MAY, of the Hankow and Shanghai Banking Corporation, to BARBARA DAVISON HUNTER, daughter of the late John Hanson Hunter, of Liverpool, and sister of E. R. Hunter of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

On April 2nd, at the Cathedral, Captain RANKING, R.A.M.C., oldest son of John Ranking, R.A.M.C., Tinbridge Wells, Kent, to ANNE KURT, third daughter of John Allaway, Cutts.

RETURN THANKS.

Mrs HOINS began to return her hearty thanks to all those who sent floral tributes and for the kind expression of sympathy received by her in her sad bereavement.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Auction.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at Mr Geo. P. Lammett's Sales Rooms.

Miscellaneous.
Fancy Dress Ball, held by Scottish Masonic Association.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, April 1.—
3 p.m.—First Meeting of Hongkong Gymkhana Club, at Happy Valley.

9 p.m.—Grand Variety Concert in City Hall.

MONDAY, April 3.—
Goods for Armand Bechtie unclaimed after this date at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.

TUESDAY, April 4.—
5.30 p.m.—Organ Recital in St. John's Cathedral.

THURSDAY, April 6.—
Transfer Books of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., close from this date to 23rd April, inclusive.

Transfer Books of China Trade's Insurance Co., Ltd., close from this date to 23rd April, inclusive.

SATURDAY, April 11.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at No. 4, Victoria View, Kowloon.

MONDAY, April 13.—
2.15 p.m.—Meeting of His Majesty's Justices of Peace at the Magistracy.

NOTICE.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1908.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

SIR JOHN JORDAN.

THAT Sir John Jordan is not visiting Hongkong purely for the benefit of his health is a fairly safe assumption.

There are matters which have been occupying the attention of Peking and Hongkong which necessitate an interchange of views between the Minister and the Governor. The most important of these matters is the Opium Trade. If a reduction in the trade in opium is carried out the revenue of this Colony must suffer very materially. We do not claim that this fact should operate to restrain the Imperial Government from proceeding on the lines of policy it has deliberately adopted. But the Colony is within its rights in asking that, in carrying out that policy, as much consideration as possible should be shown to those who are forced by circumstance to bear the consequences. Sources of revenue in a Colony such as this are few. It is essential to the well-being of Hongkong that there should be as few imposts upon trade and shipping as possible. In no other part of His Majesty's dominions is prosperity so directly dependent upon freedom of trade. Some of the crises which overtook Hongkong in bygone days were due to the Governors failing to

realise that any shackling of trade by the imposition of duties or by oppressive regulations was inviting disaster.

Some means will have to be found of making up the deficit which will be caused in our revenue by the loss of the returns from opium. No doubt this subject will have been discussed by Their Excellencies and the public will hope that some satisfactory result will be made manifest at the proper time. Another pressing matter, hardly of less importance than that of the opium revenue, is the currency problem. Sir John Jordan has, as is well known, been endeavouring to persuade China to carry out the engagement given in the Mackay Treaty to reform her currency. Up to the present time those endeavours have not been crowned with success. While most of the high Chinese officials admit that the currency of the country is in a most deplorable condition they shrink from grappling with a problem which presents undoubted difficulties. At the present time it is evidently thought inadvisable to bring any heavy pressure to bear upon China in order to compel her to honour her promises. There are doubtless good reasons for this restraint. It would certainly be inadvisable to jeopardise some greater gain by undue impatience in endeavouring to secure the fulfilment of a promise which from the Imperial standpoint, is no doubt considered to be of minor importance. But it is only of minor importance comparatively, its actual importance to a trading country like Great Britain being self-evident. It may be that the Minister and the Governor will arrive at some agreement as to the best method of solving the difficult currency problem, and in any event no harm can be done by the British Minister learning at first hand how seriously the interests of the Colony have suffered from the incursion of Chinese subsidiary coins. No immediate benefit may result from His Excellency's visit, but we are convinced that situated as Hongkong is it is a desirable thing that the gentleman who represents His Majesty in China should occasionally exchange views with His Majesty's representative in Hongkong. Unlike most other Colonies our future is almost as much dependent upon the Foreign Office as upon the Colonial Office. Apart altogether from the material advantages which may result from the visit the Colony is glad of the opportunity to welcome a gentleman who has so inspired the trust and confidence of the Imperial authorities that he has been chosen to fill one of the most difficult positions in our diplomatic service.

At the Legislative Council meeting to-day a Bill was introduced "to enable foreign corporations to acquire and hold land in the Colony." Doubts having arisen as to whether foreign corporations are entitled to hold land in the Colony the Bill is designed to remove those doubts.

Acting on instructions from the Chinese Ministry of Finance the various ricoros and governors have ordered their respective subordinates to make a detailed report within six months of the amount of the consumption of both the foreign imported opium and that produced locally.

Although Government House is supposed to be the leading establishment in the Colony it has passed through many summers without electric fans. The stately and slow-moving punkahs have always done duty. But this year they go.

The Finance Committee to-day voted \$4,400 for fans.

Mr E. A. Irving, Inspector of Schools, and Mr G. H. Wakeman returned to the Colony to-day from Home by the Hitachi Maru.

His Excellency Sir Hedworth Lambton called on His Excellency Sir John Jordan at Government House yesterday, and Sir John Jordan returned the call on board the King Alfred later.

The closing social and business meeting of the Union Church Literary Club, will be held this evening in the Lecture Room, Kennedy Road, at 9 p.m. sharp.

Several members have consented to sing, and during the evening the election of officers and a new committee will take place.

THE PEKING FIRE.

The destruction by fire of the Industrial

Exhibition at Peking, which was reported in our telegraph columns, resulted in the loss of eight lives. The damage is estimated at Taels 3,450,000, of which only Taels 200,000

is covered by insurance.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

King Alfonso has given Prince Kuni a Toledo sword to present to the Emperor of Japan.

The volcano Yakegatake in Gifu pre-
fecture, Japan, has been active since
March 8.

Official sanction has been obtained by
the Tokyo Municipal Council for the
expenditure of 33 million yen on drainage
operations.

A French blue jacket was fined \$2 at
the Magistrate to-day for creating a dis-
turbance in Ship Street, and assaulting a
police-man.

The "Asahi" attributes the boycott
in Canton to "some German and American
merchants." Such a charge is as ridiculous
as it is false.

Eight hundred Reams at Hungchun
have become naturalized Chinese. It is
reported that other applications for natural-
ization are to follow.

THE MOROCCAN TROUBLE.

FRENCH CAVALRY AMBUSHED.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter, via Bombay.)

LONDON, April 1.

General Damade with the troops under his command has been endeavouring to bring to a conclusive engagement a section of the Mds. Hras, which remains unsubdued.

Once again a detachment of French cavalry has been ambushed and sustained a loss of eight killed and twelve wounded.

CHINA MERCHANTS' COMPANY.

PROPOSED NATIONALISATION.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, April 1.

The Board of Posts and Communications has passed a resolution to nationalise the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company. The company has been capitalised partly by the Government and partly by the Chinese merchants. The decision of the Board is to control the Company entirely. Shung Kung-po is stated to have opposed the resolution very strongly, and to have said that the merchants have no confidence in the Government.

GENERAL KIANG CENSURED.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, April 1.

General Kiang Kwei Tai has been severely censured for behaving in a disorderly manner while at Anhui. [Readers will remember that on account of the Canton Viceroy's refusal to carry out the instructions from the Waiwaiyu to arrest the promoters of the boycott against Japanese goods, Yuan Shih Kai proposed to send General Kiang Kwei Tai with an army to Canton to suppress the anticipated trouble. The General was sent on a similar mission when the people of Kiangsu province were excited over the Railway loan. He is now censured for his behaviour on that occasion. Edo, C.M.]

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER.

ENQUIRING ABOUT THE BOYCOTT.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, April 1.

At an audience with the Minister of War, Tit Liang, the Empress Dowager expressed extreme regret at the boycott arising from the Tatsu Maru II case. She stated that the Government had done all that could be done to effect an amicable settlement and that it was a matter for regret that the populace in the South had adopted such an attitude towards Japan. She was extremely uneasy in mind at the state of affairs.

The Minister of War replied that it was by no means the fault of Viceroy Chang, and that he could not be held responsible.

[EXCERPT'S SERVICE]

GERMANY.

LONDON, March 31.

Prince von Buelow has returned to Berlin. The Kaiser has sailed from Venice for Syracuse.

THE FRENCH IN MOROCCO.

LONDON, March 31.

A French column of 8,000 men has left Casablanca for the Midasian country.

THE EDUCATION BILL.

LONDON, March 31.

In a debate in the House of Lords on a compromise of the Education Bill, introduced by the Bishop of St. Asaph, a possibility of a settlement of the controversy was indicated.

CHRONIC DIARRHOEA CURED.

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LOCK-OUT IN AMERICA.

250,000 MINERS AFFECTED.

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LONDON, April 1.

A lock-out of 250,000 miners has commenced in Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, and elsewhere in the United States.

The lock-out is the result of a dispute between the mineowners and miners in reference to wages.

DISCLOSING STATE SECRETS.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, April 1.

The case which was responsible for the imprisonment of three officials who were found guilty on a charge of disclosing state secrets has not yet come to an end. It has been discovered that several persons who are connected with the Industrial Bureau at Tientsin were also implicated and the Board of Municipalities has received instructions to have them arrested. The men have fled.

SUICIDE AT THE YAMEN.

LIBRARIAN HANGS HIMSELF.

(From Our Correspondent)

CANTON, April 1.

The librarian at the Viceroy's Yamien hanged himself the other day. He was discovered to be suspended in a private room. Nobody knows what was the cause of his rash act, but, it is believed that certain matters in which he was complicated have been brought before the notice of the officials and this led him to take his life.

THE CANTON HANKOW RAILWAY.

(The Proposed Bank.)

(From Our Correspondent)

CANTON, April 1.

The scheme for the formation of a Railway Bank by utilising a portion of the capital of the Company has been in the minds of the directors for sometime and the matter is now again brought up for discussion. At a committee meeting the members of the committee of management resolved to write to the Board of Revenue for a complete copy of the rules and regulations under which the northern Bank is now conducted. Every preparation is being made so that as soon as the second call on the shrubs is made the Bank will be started.

AMOY NEWS.

(From Our Correspondent)

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Hon. Mr. Kewick seconded, remarking that the foreign bank holders and property owners also required more time for discussing the bill.

His Excellency announced that he was glad to accede to the request and the second reading was postponed for three weeks.

The Council adjourned until Thursday, April 16.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

At the usual meeting of the Finance Committee (the Hon. Mr. May in the Chair) the following recommendation were approved:-

TREASURY ALLOWANCES.

To vote a sum of \$112.50 in aid of the vote, Treasury, B.- Office of Assessor of Rates, other charges, security allowances for nine months to one 4th Grade and one 6th Grade Sheriff.

ELECTRIC FANS.

To vote a sum of \$400, in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, installation of electric fans at Government House.

GENERAL CHARGES.

To vote a sum of \$100 in aid of the vote, Treasury, B.- Office of Assessor of Rates, other charges, typewriter.

To vote a sum of \$234 in aid of the vote, Harbour Master's Department, A.- Harbour Office, other charges, oil and sundry stores.

MAINTENANCE OF LIGHTHOUSES.

To vote a sum of \$6,600 in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, buildings, maintenance of light-houses.

LUCKNOW MOUNTED POLICE.

Training in lasso-throwing.

ALAHABAD, March 3.

An interesting experiment has been carried out in Lucknow in connection with the training of the Mounted Police.

The Royal who sat at present mentioned at Lucknow possess a certain number of cowboys among whom many accomplishments in the art of throwing the lasso and with the permission of the Royal Colonel an Instructor was arranged for and the Mounted Police put through a regular course of lasso-throwing. The Scarabs, it appears, have shown themselves up pupils and many, if not most, of them, can now throw the lasso with precision.

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GOOD-BYE HEADACHES!

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THE BOYCOTT.

SAMSHUI AND WUCHOW PARTICIPATE.

(From Our Correspondent)

CANTON, April 1.

The Self-Government Society has received fervent promises of support from the merchants and gentry at Samshui and Wuchow with reference to the boycott. Letters from both places state that no pains will be spared to bring to an end the trade in all things Japanese and request the society at Canton not to stop half-way to the disappointment of the people.

THE AIM IN VIEW.

Japan Must Lose £20,000,000.

The members of the Self-Government Society state that the boycott will continue until the loss to Japan amounts to \$300,000,000 when the matter will be reconsidered.

Hongkong Firms Resolute.

Chinese firms at Wing On street, Hongkong who do not in Japanese goods have voluntarily signed a statement by which each firm offers to pay \$50 to any person who can obtain even a cent's worth of Japanese goods in their firms. All have agreed to store away their Japanese goods which will only be put on the market when the boycott is declared "off."

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard presided at the meeting of the Legislative Council which was held this afternoon. There were also present:-

Colonel Darling (Commanding the Forces in South China)

Hon. Mr. F. H. May (Colonial Secretary)

Hon. Mr. A. M. Throssell (Colonial Treasurer)

Hon. Mr. W. Chatfield (Director of Public Works)

Hon. Mr. W. Rees Davies (Attorney General)

Hon. Capt. Basil Taylor

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai

Hon. Mr. E. Pollock

Hon. Mr. E. Osborne

Hon. Mr. W. York

Hon. Mr. H. Kewick

Mr. C. Clementi (Clerk of Councils), The Hon. Colonial Secretary moved that

"It is hereby resolved that a sum of Four million and twenty thousand Dollars (\$4,020,000) be advanced out of funds in the custody of the Government for the purpose of construction of the Hongkong-Canton Railway (British Section) during the year 1908."

The Colonial Secretary pointed out that the resolution had been referred to the Finance Committee and therein it was reduced to \$4,000,000 in consequence of certain sums being deducted from the estimate of expenditure in accordance with the directions of His Excellency the Governor.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded and the resolution was passed:

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Then on the 25th it was rumoured in the city that a young merchant prince of great wealth was journeying from a distant land with a great retinue, and a wife famed for her wits and beauty.

All the Elters of the city merchants went forth to greet him and among them was Imran Bon Ali, a young man of extraordinary beauty, come forward as they approached and said to the young man: "Truly is Heaven!"

"Nay! with mine eyes closed I entered this gate, and lo! on the other side I find not the world but Hell before me! I have tasted wine and said this is the gate I seek. Nay! I was but drunk. I have heard the sweetest music, and twas, but a haunting dream. I have had the company of pleasant and beautiful women. They did but deceive me in my wealth and mock me in my poverty." Then he arose and went forth from thence and none saw him more.

"On one occasion the captain of a coasting steamer on the China coast lost his bearings in a fog, which had lasted for some considerable time, and, with a view to discovering his position, steered in what he believed to be the direction of Oksu (a small island in the Formosa Channel upon which a fog-gun had been placed) in the hope of "picking up" the fog-gun, the sound of which is usually heard, under favourable circumstances of wind, etc., at a distance of about 10 miles. The course he steered proved to be absolutely correct in one sense, for he eventually found himself aground on the rocks of Oksu Island; but not until did he hear the fog-gun, the sound of which, though the gun was fired, was very faint. The gun, however, was at that time much above him, but still, under ordinary circumstances, in a fog (and there was nothing to warn him that the circumstances were otherwise than ordinary) he should have heard the sound of the gun at some considerable time before reaching the island, and no doubts existed as to its having been regularly fired.

"On another occasion J. T. Douglas, when in command of a steamship proceeding from Swatow to Hongkong, found himself in a douse for when a long distance from the latter port. He proceeded at dead slow speed in the direction of Wagam Island, upon which is erected a light-house and is placed a fog-gun, in the expectation of eventually hearing the sound of that gun, and so determining his exact position. After some time had elapsed since that at which he concluded he ought to have heard the gun, he felt uneasy at not having heard it, and fortunately gave the order slow astern, for, immediately afterwards, the island itself became visible close under his bows, and at the same time a crack like that of a saloon pistol was heard, which sound was caused by the firing of the gun.

The ship gathered sternway before touching the rocks, and no damage was sustained.

In this instance, as in the previously related, no doubt existed that the fog-gun was regularly fired, but the conditions of the atmosphere were such that the sound of the gun failed to penetrate it for the usual distance, or for any distance at all sufficient to render it of the least value to passing ships."

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WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:-

On the 2nd at 11.05 A.M. the barometer has fallen in E. Japan owing

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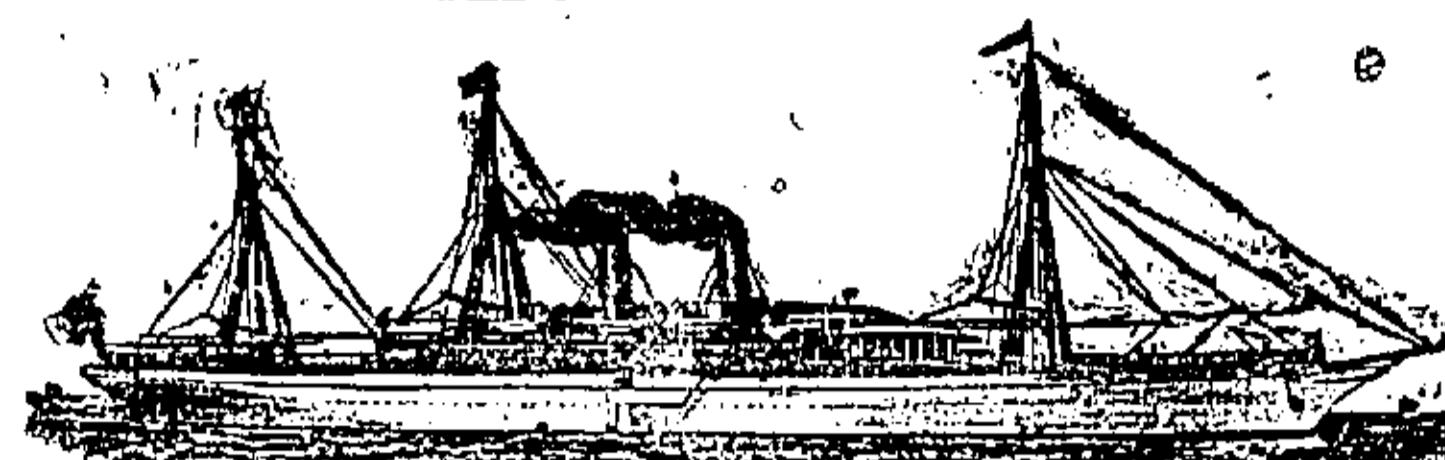
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SHANGHAI	[DEVAHNA] About 3rd	Freight and Passage.	Capt. T. H. BIDE, R.N.R., April.
LONDON, via UGAL POINTS	[DE LHI] Noon, 4th	See Special Advertisement	Capt. J. D. ANDREWS, R.N.R., April.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, via SYDNEY	[BORNEO] About 8th	Freight and Passage.	Capt. G. W. GORDON, R.N.R., April.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE (JAPAN) and YOKOHAMA	About 11th	Freight and Passage.	Capt. O. T. DENNY, R.N.R., April.

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EMPEROR OF INDIA	6000 Tons	THURSDAY, April 9
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EMPEROR OF JAPAN	6000 Tons	THURSDAY, May 7
GLENFARG	3700 Tons	WEDNESDAY, May 20
EMPEROR OF CHINA	6000 Tons	THURSDAY, June 4
LENNOX	3700 Tons	WEDNESDAY, June 17
EMPEROR OF INDIA	6000 Tons	THURSDAY, July 2
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EMPEROR	Steamers will depart from Hongkong at 4 p.m.		
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DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS	SAILING DATES. 1908.
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID	TAMBA MARU, Tons 6134	WEDNESDAY, 18th April, at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C. AND SEATTLE, WASL, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	INABA MARU, Tons 6189	WEDNESDAY, 29th April, Wm. Bainbridge.
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	TOSA MARU, Tons 5823	TUESDAY, 14th April, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SHINANO MARU, Tons 6388	TUESDAY, 26th April, K. Kawata.
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU, Tons 5539	FRIDAY, 17th April, T. L. Harrison.
DAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE AND BRISBANE	YUMANO MARU, Tons 5078	FRIDAY, 15th April, N. Matheson.
BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO	VAKAMIYA MARU, Tons 4723	THURSDAY, 2nd April, R. Tekedo.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TAKASAKI MARU, Tons 4742	WEDNESDAY, 8th April, A. Mecker.
YOKOHAMA	HITACHI MARU, Tons 4742	SATURDAY, 4th April, at Daylight.
NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU, Tons 6781	Wednesday, 10th April, at Daylight.
YOKOHAMA	YUMANO MARU, Tons 5078	Wednesday, 10th April, at Noon.

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SAILING-DATES. 1908.

KOREA	18,000 Tons	FRIDAY, 3rd April, at Noon.
AMERICA MARU	11,000	FRIDAY, 11th April, at Noon.
SIBERIA	18,000	SATURDAY, 13th April, at Noon.
DUTCH EAST	18,000	SATURDAY, 25th April, at Noon.
MANCHURIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 2nd May, at Noon.
NIPPON MARU	11,000	SATURDAY, 9th May, at Noon.
ASIA	9,500	SATURDAY, 16th May, at Noon.
MONGOLIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 23rd May, at Noon.
HONGKONG MARU	11,000	TUESDAY, 2nd June, at Noon.

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STEAMERS.

TO SAIL

* SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	NAMANG ...	FRIDAY, Apr. 3, at 4 P.M.
MANILA	YUNENG ...	FRIDAY, Apr. 3, at 4 P.M.
TIETZIN	CHONGSHING	MONDAY, Apr. 6, at 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA	FOOKSANG...	FRIDAY, Apr. 10, at 4 P.M.
MANILA	LOONGSANG...	FRIDAY, Apr. 10, at 4 P.M.

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STEAMERS	Leave	Connecting STEAMERS	Due at	Due at
to	HONGKONG	from COLOMBO to	MARSEILLES & LONDON	PLYMOUTH (London)
			Saturday, 19th	19th
TONE	Noon Saturday	TONN	Saturday, 19th	19th
DELHI.....	8000	April 4	MOLDAVIA.....10000	May 2
MAITA.....	6000	April 18	HIMALAYA.....7000	May 16
DEVANHA.....	8000	May 2	MONGOLIA.....10000	June 30
OCEANA.....	7000	May 16	INDIA.....8000	June 14
DELTA.....	8000	May 30	PICTORIA.....10000	June 23
DELHI.....	5000	June 13	PHILIPPINES.....6500	July 5
ARCADIA.....	7000	June 27	HUNGARY.....10000	July 10
MALTA.....	8000	July 1	CHINA.....8000	Aug. 9
DEVANHA.....	8000	July 25	MOLDAVIA.....10000	Aug. 23
MABMORA.....	10000	Aug. 8	HIMALAYA.....7000	Sept. 6

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	HONGKONG	LONDON
		about
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NORE.....	7000	May 6
JAPAN.....	4500	May 20
SUMATRA.....	6000	June 3
NAMUR.....	7000	July 1
SARDINIA.....	6500	July 15
NUBIA.....	6000	Aug. 12
SYRIA.....	7000	Sept. 9
		Oct.

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Notices to Consignees

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER NORE.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY'S GODOWNS at Kowloon where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Godown is reached.

Optional Goods will be landed here under instructions given to the contrary before 8 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 1st April, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown.

F. J. ABBOTT, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 27, 1908. 482

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship ARRATON AYER having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees or Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered free alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY LTD., at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignee before NOON, To-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, and Goods remaining undelivered after MONDAY, the 6th April, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me or before the 6th April, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 6th April, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

J. MILLET, Agent.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo from LONDON ex a.s. *Strelitz et Doire*; from BORDEAUX ex a.s. *Ville de Lorient*, in connection with the above Steamers, are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

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All claims must be sent in to me or before the 6th April, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 6th April, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

J. MILLET, Agent.

Hongkong, March 30, 1908. 493

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, LONDON, ANTWERP, COLOMBO & STRAITS.

THE Steamship BRECONSHIRE, Captain T. Oxenham, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY LTD., at Kowloon, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th April, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 2nd April, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SIEUWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

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* KUMERIC.....	6232	Cowley	14th May.
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CHINESE OFFICIAL IN AUSTRALIA.

An Interesting Interview.

As a sign that China is eager to become abreast of the times, and is anxious to look after not only her own interests but those of her subjects, she has lately sent out to Australia and the neighbouring islands a distinguished student, Mr Thomas Ling, who has just reached Sydney, says the "Sydney Morning Herald" of March 2. He has been despatched to not only inquire into the conditions of his fellow-subjects in Australia, but also to settle some mis-understanding that has arisen in Samoa between German employers and Chinese workmen. It is alleged that the Chinese, who are bound to their employers by contract for five years, have been ill-treated, and Mr Ling has been specially deputed to investigate the matter.

Questioned on various matters dealing with China and this country, Mr Ling was inclined to be reticent. Asked about the Chinese restriction question, he said that at present his Government was doing its best to rectify matters. On the opium question Mr Ling was more explicit. He said that the use of opium was being restricted in China to an extensive degree; so much so that former big users of this drug were dying in hundreds through not getting enough. As a matter of fact, he observed, in Hongkong the British Government has given a monopoly to one Chinaman or company. It is styled an opium farm, which means in reality opium firm. This firm controls the entire supply, and sells to different buyers. Australians included. This is how opium gets into this country, as Hongkong is the only port at which Australian ships visit.

Asked about the Manchurian railway question, Mr. Ling said he was not altogether conversant with the subject, as he had been travelling since the matter cropped up. He was, however, of the opinion that Japan, elated by her recent victories over Russia, was inclined to take upon herself the right to give advice and insist on its being carried out.

The Chinese nation, he remarked, is awakening. It is now taking into account all little details dealing with foreign nations which some years ago it did not recognise as important. "The lead set by the Japanese is now being followed by China," he said, "and it will not be long, in my opinion, before our great neighbour is surpassed, so far as its ideas of advancement are concerned. The advancement of China simply means the benefit of the whole world, as hundreds of millions of pounds must be paid by us for mining plant and other things; before we can develop our vast country's resources."

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HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Thursday, March 26th, 1908.

At 100 cents per Dollar Mexican.

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